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 09/628,023	July 28, 2000	Shigeo Yamagata, et al.

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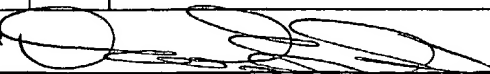
  

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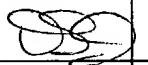

  

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